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SUBJECT: US AID TO EGYPT

REF: JIDDA 3880 (NOTAL)

1. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, FOLLOWING ARE DETAILS OF
US ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT ON WHICH YOU MAY DRAW IN
RESPONDING TO PRINCE SAUD'S STATEMENTS REFTEL.

2. OUR PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT EFFECTIVELY
BEGAN IN FY1975, ALTHOUGH WE BEGAN THE SUEZ CANAL
CLEARANCE PROGRAM IN FY1974. WE HAVE ALREADY SIGNED
A LONG-TERM CIP AGREEMENT FOR 80 MILLION DOLLARS AND
GRANT AGREEMENTS FOR ABOUT 50 MILLION DOLLARS; AND WILL
SIGN AGREEMENTS THIS MONTH FOR ANOTHER 120 MILLION DOLLARS.
UNDER THE PL480 PROGRAM IN FY1975 WE HAVE SIGNED AGREEMENTS
TOTTALLING 102 MILLION DOLLARS AND WILL SIGN, THIS
MONTH, ANOTHER AGREEMENT FOR 8 MILLION DOLLARS.

3. WE CURRENTLY HAVE UNDER CONSIDERATION THE QUESTION
OF THE LEVELS OF AID AND PL 480 WE WILL REQUEST FOR FY76.
WHILE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL WILL BE REQUIRED, WE ARE
CONFIDENT THAT WE WILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL PROGRAM FOR
EGYPT IN FY76.

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4. WITH REGARD TO THE DOLS 250 MILLION UNITED STATES

SHARE OF THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM FOR EGYPT, WE ANTICIPATE
NO PROBLEM IN FULFILLING OUR COMMITMENT FROM FUNDS
ALREADY AVAILABLE AND FROM FUNDS WHICH WILL BECOME
AVAILABLE IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

5. ALTHOUGH WE EXPERIENCED AN INITIAL DELAY IN OUR
ASSISTANCE TO EGYPT BECAUSE OF SLOW ACTION BY CONGRESS,
WE SUCCEEDED IN OBTAINING FROM CONGRESS ALL OF THE FUNDS
WE REQUESTED (DOLS 250 MILLION) FOR FY1975 FOR EGYPT.
WE HAVE NOT PROMISED ANY AID TO EGYPT WHICH WE HAVE
BEEN UNABLE TO DELIVER. KISSINGER

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